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SUBJECT: FY 76 ALLOCATION

1. CU/EA APOLOGIZES FOR THE LONG DELAY IN NOTIFYING POSTS REGARDING THEIR FINAL FY '76 EXCHANGE ALLOCATIONS AND REGRETS THE INCONVENIENCE THAT THIS HAS CAUSED. CU'S FY '76 BUDGET HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED AT DOLS. 55,385,000. WHILE THIS AMOUNT IS SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN CU'S FY '75 FIGURE IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER BOTH MANDATORY AND INFLATIONARY INCREASES AND MAINTAIN THE SAME LEVEL OF PROGRAMMING AS LAST YEAR. IN ESTABLISHING FINAL POST ALLOCATIONS CU/EA, IN MAKING ITS CUTS, HAS PLACED PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON RETAINING THE HIGHEST PRIORITY PROGRAMS AT EACH POST, BUT STILL ALLOWING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF CERTAIN NEW PROJECTS, SUCH AS ASIAN SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE. ALL POSTS HAVE SUFFERED CUTS IN PROGRAMS; I.E. IN NUMBERS OF EXCHANGES, EMPHASIZING ONCE AGAIN THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL ENSURE THE LONG RANGE VIABILITY OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

THE FIGURES BELOW ARE FOR FY '76, THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30TH. AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION WILL BE GIVEN EACH
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POST FOR THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER (TQ) JULY-SEPTEMBER AT

A LATER DATE; AND AT THAT TIME WE HOPE ALSO TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE OF FY '77 (OCTOBER 1, 1976 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1977). POSTS CAN EXPECT THEIR TQ ALLOCATIONS TO COVER BINATIONAL COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND THE FUNDING OF SOME IV GRANTS. THEY SHOULD NOT EXPECT THEM TO COVER COSTS FOR ACADEMIC GRANTS.

2. THE ALLOCATION FOR KOREA IS DOLS. 335,000. OF THIS SUM, 33,982 ACTUALLY BEEN EXPENDED ON THE IV PROGRAM TO COVER NINE OF THE ELEVEN PROPOSED VISITORS. NO MORE IVS WILL BE APPROVED FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY76 THROUGH JUNE 30. WHETHER THE REMAINING TWO IV GRANTS CAN BE FUNDED IN THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER REMAINS TO BE SEEN. AMSPEC REQUESTS WILL BE MET FROM REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS IF POSSIBLE. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS KOREA ALLOCATION IS AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 12,150 FOR GRANT TO MARION CASEY. THIS MEANS, IN EFFECT, THAT THE BALANCE OF FUNDS FOR FY76 WILL GO TO KAEC - A TOTAL OF DOLS 288,868.

3. ADVISE KAEC THAT ITS ALLOCATION OF DOLS 288,868 INCLUDES FUNDS FOR FIVE NEW STUDENTS AND FIVE RENEWALS AT USDOLS 28,800 FOR NEW STUDENTS AND USDOLS 30,000 FOR RENEWALS. FOREIGN CURRENCY EQUIVALENT OF 9,750 FOR TRAVEL. OF REMAINING 220,318 A TOTAL OF 64,766 FOR OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES AND 74,767 FOR PROGRAM OPERATION (ADMIN. COSTS). WE SUGGEST THE REMAINDER OF 80,785 BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

---A. TWO TRAVEL ONLY FOREIGN PROFESSORS 3,900

---B. THREE FULL FOUR-MONTH US PROF GRANTS 21,318

---C. TWO FIVE-MONTH FOREIGN RESEARCH:

-----TRAVEL 3,900

-----DOLLAR 9,400 13,300

---D. NINE US RESEARCHERS-HOUSING AND

--- TRAVEL ONLY 33,011

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---E. ONE US STUDENT 9,256

ANY ADJUSTMENTS OF THE ABOVE 83,785 DOLS SHOULD BE CABLED TO DEPT, ATTN: CU/EA. SISCO

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